फार्मेसिस्टों के पदों के लिए अधिसूचित भर्ती नियमों में निर्धारित अर्हताओं की सूची में "वैद्य "विशारद" "आयुर्वेदिक भिषक" अथवा "आयुर्वेदिक रत्न" के शामिल किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) सरकार केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के अधिसूचित भर्ती नियमों से इन अर्हताओं को कब तक निकालने का विचार रखती है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (कुमारी कुमुदबेन एम० जोशी) : (क) हां। इस मंत्रालय को 1967 के बाद ऐसी डिग्रियां प्राप्त करने वाले छात्रों की संख्या के बारे में कोई जानकारी नहीं है।

(ख) भारतीय केन्द्रीय चिकित्सा परिषद् अधिनियम, 1970 की धारा 17 के लागू होने (अर्थात 1-10-1976) के बाद भारतीय चिकित्सा का कोई राज्य बोर्ड अनुभव के आधार पर किसी भी व्यक्ति का पंजीकरण नहीं कर सकता।

(ग) और (घ) इस मामले की जांच की जा रही है।

Direct rail link, between Bombay and Tirunelveli

1631. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any memorandum has been received by Government from the Bombay Tamil Pervai requesting for a direct train between Bombay and Tirunelveli;

(b) if so what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the suggestions made therein have been considered; and

(dj if so, what steps are being taken to provide a direct train link between Bombay and Tirunelveli?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requests made include (i) running through coaches between Bombay and Tirunelveli, (ii) extension of Island Express to Tirumelveli/ Kanniyakumari, (iii) combining 129/ 130 Udyan Express and 25/26 Island Express with slip coaches for Tirunelveli and (iv) running a train between Bombay VT and Kanniyakumari.

(c) Yes, Sjr.

(d) The volume of traffic offering between Bombay and Tirunelveli does not jutify introduction of a direct train. Besides, a direct train by all B. G. route will be longer invoUing enhanced fares Passengers at present prefer to travel with a change over at Madras by M. G. The other suggestions made involve drastic changes in the existing pattern of services which is not desirable and requires onduc tion of additional resources which are not available. However, 81/■82 Bombay-Trivandrum Tayanti Janta Express has since been extended upto Kanniyakumari and passengers car proceed to Tirunelveli with a change over at Negercoil.

Urani system of medicine in C.G.H.S. Dispensaries

1632. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI; Will the Hinister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide facilities for the treatment of patients iE the C.G.H.S, dispensaries through the Unani System af Medicine?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI); C.G.H.S denefi-ciarjes are already availing medical facilities from existing Unani C.G.H.S. dispensaries/ Units.

Betterment of Hindustan Dawakhana

1633. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no steps have been taken for the betterment of the Hindustani Dawakhana, Delhi by Government since its take-cer ir. 1954; and